



County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health
Animal Care and Control Division (ACC)



Secondary Enforcement Mandatory Canine Spay/Neuter Ordinance

Responsible canine owners in compliance with the law are unaffected by this ordinance, only canine owners who are in violation of State or Local Animal Laws are affected by the proposed ordinance.

California Health and Safety Code Section 122330, states uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding of animals contributes to pet overpopulation, inhumane treatment of animals, mass euthanasia at local shelters, and escalating costs for animal care and control; this irresponsible breeding also contributes to the production of defective animals that present a public safety risk, and permits cities and counties to take appropriate action aimed at eliminating uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding of animals.

FACTS

- ❖ In FY 2010-11, 11,384 dogs were impounded at the County animal shelters located in Devore, Big Bear, and Apple Valley.
 - 4,185 or 37% were euthanized
- ❖ In Calendar Year 2010 a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for Pit Bull/Pit Bull type dogs was passed in San Bernardino County.
 - 9.6% reduction in bites reported in Calendar Year 2010 versus Calendar Year 2009.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering is good for the community*
 - Reduces the number of stray dogs roaming the streets
 - Decreases the potential for animals and humans being bitten
 - In San Bernardino County 602 individuals were bitten by a dog in Calendar Year 2010
- ❖ Spaying/Neutering fights pet overpopulation*
 - Every year thousands of dogs are euthanized in San Bernardino County. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering
- ❖ Spaying/Neutering will not make your pet fat or over-weight*
- ❖ Your dog will live a longer, healthier life*
- ❖ Neutering helps keep males from wandering and to be better behaved*
- ❖ Jurisdictions that have implemented similar or mandatory spay/neuter ordinances
 - Secondary enforcement: Riverside County, Hesperia, and Sonoma County
 - Mandatory: San Bernardino City, Riverside City, Los Angeles County and 10 of the cities within its boundaries to name a few examples within Southern California.

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* <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/spayneuter/spay-neuter-top-ten.aspx>